



BY THE KING.

A Proclamation touching the Excise layd by the Advice of the Lords and Commons of Parliament Assembled at Oxford.

HEREBY by the advice of the Lords and Commons of Parliament Assembled at *Oxford*, We have laid and set an Excise upon severall Wares and Commodities; And have awarded severall Commissions under Our Great Seale of *England*, for the Levying, Collecting, and Gathering of the said Excise, according to such Articles, Instructions, Rates and Values, as are contained, set downe, and expressed, in Schedules annexed to Our said Commissions: which We have caused, or shall forthwith cause to be published in Print: Whereby the grounds and reasons of laying and setting of the said Excise, the imployment of the Monies to be raised thereby for the present maintenance of Our Armies in the time of this Rebellion, and the Limitations and Provisions for qualifying, determining, and utter abolishing of the said Excise hereafter are. We have therefore thought fit to publish this Our Proclamation, and doe hereby Order, Appoynt and the payment of the said Excise, shall beginne and be accounted, as well by Our Commissioners and Officers as by all others concerned therein, from the Twenty sixt day of this instant Moneth of *April*, in the Twentieth year of Our Reigne, to be Ordered and Collected in such manner, and to be imployed for such purposes, and to continue for such time only, as is limited and expressed in Our said Commissions, and the Articles and Instructions annexed to them, and no otherwise. And We doe hereby require all Our Subjects whatsoever, within the limits of the said Commissions respectively, to conforme themselves therunto; Letting them hereby know, that whatsoever is specified in Our said Commissions, or the Articles annexed to them, touching the qualifying, determining, and setting of the said Excise for future times, shall on Our part be inviolably observed. And We doe hereby Command all Officers, Commanders and Souldiers of Our Armies and Garrisons, and likewise Justices, Bayliffes, Constables, and other Officers whatsoever, within their severall and respective limits, to assist, as occasion shall require, to Our Commissioners, and the Substitutes, Deputies and Ministers to or appoynted by them by vertue of Our said Commissions, in the levying, collecting, and gathering of the said Excise according to the Tenor of Our said Commissions and Instructions annexed, as they will answer the contrary.

Given at Our Court at Oxford the 24th day of April, in the Twentieth yeare of Our Reigne.

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HEREAS by the advice of the Lords and Commons of Parliament Assembled at *Oxford*, We have laid and set an Excise upon severall Wares and Commodities; And have awarded severall Commissions under Our Great Seale of *England*, for the Levying, Collecting, and Gathering of the said Excise, according to such Articles, Instructions Rates and Values, as are contained, set downe, and expressed, in Schedules annexed to Our said Commissions: which We have caused, or shall forthwith cause to be published in Print; Whereby the grounds and reasons of laying and setting of the said Excise, the employment of the Monies to be raised thereby for the present maintenance of Our Armies in the time of this Rebellion, and the Limitations and Provisions for qualifying, determining, and utter abolishing of the said Excise hereafter will fully appeare. We have therefore thought fit to publish this Our Proclamation, and doe hereby Order, Appoynt and Declare, That the payment of the said Excise, shall beginne and be accounted, as well by Our Commissioners and Officers intrusted, as by all others concerned therein, from the Twenty sixt day of this instant Moneth of *April*, in the Twentieth yeare of Our Reigne, to be Ordered and Collected in such manner, and to be employed for such purposes, and to have continuance for such time only, as is limited and expressed in Our said Commissions, and the Articles and Instructions annexed to them, and no otherwise. And We doe hereby require all Our Subjects whatsoever, within the limits of Our said Commissions respectively, to conforme themselves thereunto; Letting them hereby know, that whatsoever is mentioned or specified in Our said Commissions, or the Articles annexed to them, touching the qualifying, determining, or utter abolishing of the said Excise for future times, shall on Our part be inviolably observed. And We doe hereby straitly Charge and Command all Officers, Commanders and Souldiers of Our Armies and Garrisons, and likewise all Majors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, and other Officers whatsoever, within their severall and respective limits, to be ayding and assisting, as occasion shall require, to Our Commissioners, and the Substitutes, Deputies and Ministers to be nominated or appoynted by them by vertue of Our said Commissions, in the levying, collecting, and gathering of the said Excise, according to the Tenor of Our said Commissions and Instructions annexed, as they will answer the contrary at their Perills. Given at Our Court at *Oxford*, the 24th day of *April*, in the Twentieth yeare of Our Reigne.

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